GLENN HAUSER'S SHORTWAVE/DX REPORT 99-14, March 25, 1999

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ANTICIPATED WORLD OF RADIO SHORTWAVE-ONLY SCHEDULE FROM APRIL 4

Days and times strictly UT

Wed 2100 WBCQ 7415
Fri 1930 RFPI 21460-USB 15049
Sat 0330 RFPI 15049 6975
Sat 1130 RFPI 6975
Sat 1800 RFPI 21460-USB 15049
Sun 0200 RFPI 15049 6975
Sun 0229 WWCR 5070
Sun 0630 WWCR 5070
Sun 0930 WWCR 5070
Sun 1000 RFPI 6975
Sun 2300 RFPI 21460-USB 15049
Mon 0501 WWCR 3210
Mon 0700 RFPI 15049 6975
Tue 1230 WWCR 15685
Tue 1900 RFPI 21460-USB 15049
Tue 2030 WWCR 15685
Wed 0300 RFPI 15049 6975

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ANTARCTICA. LRA36, 15475.8, on late UT Fri March 19: it didn't last long. No ID but I'm sure it was them, probably a technician making some adjustments. Very good signal here, S7-8. The sequence was: 0001 UT, I tuned in; open carrier, interrupted once. At 0011, started playing SP/EG rock music. Signal off the air at 0026. Oh well, as I said, keep a watch on the frequency (John Cobb, GA) Tnx to John's tip, I heard the tail end of this too at 0025-0026* Would have been quite listenable (Glenn Hauser, RIB and WORLD OF RADIO 982)

ANTARCTICA. Carrier detectable on 15476 around 2000 Sat March 20, presumably LRA36 which might have been readable except for the unabated supersplatter from VOA-Delano carrying V. of Greece. This 75-degree beam right across the US amounts to a domestic SW broadcast. Or is it intended for "Bermuda and Cape Verde Islands", the only land further along near that azimuth? (Glenn Hauser, OK)

AUSTRALIA. DST ends here conveniently on March 28, when a number of program changes take place. Grandstand, live, as usual moves a UT hour later early Sat and Sun. Weekend programs are moved around so they will be more similar to weekdays, such as in local mornings: 1800 Sun-Thu Pacific Beat; Fri Pacific Focus, Sat Pacific Review. The Week will be dropped, so its presenter can do Pacific Beat instead. Last edition of At Your Request, which has gotten almost no musical requests from South and Southeast Asia since Darwin closed in 1997, is this Tuesday at 0610, 0940, 2240, Wed 0630. See website for compelte new schedule soon. From April 3-4, musical requests will be accomodated in Feedback (Roger Broadbent, RA Feedback March 20, UT Sat 0005 on 21740 via Hauser, R.I.B.)

CANADA. RCI's printed program guide for A-99 has just arrived. Among the significant changes other than the usual 1-hour-earlier shifts:

The 0200-0200 UT Sunday on 9535, 9755, 11715, 13670, 15305 will contain after the CBC News [if any], from 10 April: N.S. Kitchen Party; and from 29 May: Vinyl Cafe.

The now daily 0500-0530 on 5995, 9755, 11930 to WNAm, et al to elsewhere will be First Edition M-F; Earthwatch on Sat; Arts in Canada on Sun. (Glenn Hauser, from sked via Bill Westenhaver)

COLOMBIA. Re Voz de la Resistencia item in 99-13: BBCM did in fact pick up the news about FARC killing the Americans. El Espectador website spells the rogue FARC commander as "Gildardo" and the indigenous people are the U'wa. Other than that, your summary translation looks good. Keep up the good work (Chris Greenway, BBC Monitoring, March 18)

COLOMBIA. As to the Colombian clandestine, as far as I can tell, their name is still Voz de la Resistencia, i.e. without a "La" and without "del Bloque Oriental" as Jorge GarcIa will have it. The commander mentioned as "Guildardo" is actually "Gildardo" and the three Americans have not been mentioned as "missionaries" - at least not in the religious sense of the word - but rather as friends of the uwa Indians. Most of the inter-guerilla communications are on USB in the 6 and 7 MHz bands, so "7735 VHF" could also be interpreted as "7735 USB", who knows. But there are still three American missionaries somewhere out in the jungle, missing since 1993. The US gov't believes FARC to be the kidnappers, but nothing has been heard about their fate for quite some time. I wrote about them in the MT a couple of years ago. When in Colombia, I often checked 6694U, which is one used by the CICR on a nationwide basis, Bogota and a network of half a dozen fixed stations in other areas and also mobile transmitters mounted in 4WD's which move

around in areas of turmoil (Henrik Klemetz, Sweden, via Hauser)

COSTA RICA. Re: the new CR s/w station for which James Latham has been asked to serve as consultant, we have a preliminary meeting with them this week at RFPI and a field test to determine feasibility of the project next week. The group, the Cultural Committee of the Municipality of Jaco' (a Pacific coast beach community) want to set up the station to broadcast cultural programming to the local community. They plan to operate in the 3 MHz area at 250 - 500 watts using a vertical antenna. Estimated time of project completion is 1 year (most of that is time taken for license application). Shortwave was chosen because, as you may know, FM licenses are nearly impossible to come by in this country without waiting a lifetime (Joe Bernard, RFPI, March 24, REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING and WORLD OF RADIO 982)

KOREA SOUTH. RKI A-99 changes concerning relay sites: Skelton UKOGBANI MerLEEN, on 3970 ex-3980 [good news for NEXUS-IBA], but time stays 2200-2230 UT. Has 3 sesquihours per day of Merlin relays, also in French, German, Russian, Korean. From March 28.

RCI relay, since April 90 when contracted for 2 hpd exchange relays; Spanish is being expanded to 1 full hour in the morning at 1000-1100 on 11715, pushing English half an hour later to 1100-1130, but this will stay on what had been the winter frequency, 9650. Date not specified for this change, so we wonder if April 4 or March 28 (RKI Multiwave Feedback March 21 via WORLD OF RADIO 982)

NEW ZEALAND. RNZI has been staying on an hour later than scheduled, heard until 1109* March 22, 23, 24 on 9700, regular programming, not hurricane or sports specials. Adrian Sainsbury confirms this is a permanent change, and during local summer, now over, will run to 1009* (Finbarr O'Driscoll, RIB and WORLD OF RADIO 982)

NEW ZEALAND. Additional time for RNZI Mailbox, fortnightly, is UT Thu 0330 on 17675 (Adrian Sainsbury, RNZI, via Mickey Delmage, WORLD OF RADIO 982)

PERU. 5906.8 RADIO PANORAMA. Last Saturday I was happy to receive a letter signed by Segundo Ayala Brione, owner of Radio Panorama, in which he confirms my reception report from past January. In his letter, he says that he and his brother Miguel have set up La Voz de los Andes, 1400, mediumwave, and Radio Panorama, 5900. They belong to an evangelical church and that's the reason why they broadcast their Global 2000 morning program which, apart from prayers, consists of religious music. The mw outlet carries commercials and so it is the economical backbone of the sw operation which does not carry any commercials. Schedule, somewhat irregular, is 1000-1200, 2300-0200. As for Recopampa, he tells me that it is a "centro-poblado" belonging to the jurisdiction

of Sorochuco, having approx. 700 inhabitants. Its full name is San Juan de Recopampa. One may write them via La Voz de los Andes, which is located on the Plaza de Armas or Sorochuco, or directly to Radio Panorama, Centro-poblado Recopampa, Distrito de Sorochuco, Provincia de Celendin, Departamento de Cajamarca, Region Autonoma del Maran~on, (noted the name of Region, maybe ex-Region Nor oriental del Maranon) Peru. There is also a phone number, which can be used, + 51 (44) 820 321, although this number is to a public phone booth. Thanks to Henrik Klemetz for correct translation. (Rafael Rodriguez R., Bogota, Colombia, March 22, WORLD OF RADIO 982)

SERBIA. R. Yugoslavia was still on winter schedule, confirmed UT Thu March 25 at 0100 on 7115, 0200 on 7130 in English to North America. Usual propaganda, good reception. Expect to move one hour earlier on same from March 28, if they still exist (Glenn Hauser, OK, REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING)

U A E. Checked UAE Radio, Dubai, 21605, March 23 at 1610, to find jazzy piano music, no talk feature, and 1630 Julia Wheeler gave wrong frequencies 11795, 13630, 13675 and 15395, not 21605. The only other one I could hear was 13675. Why is it so hard for a station to keep this info straight? English news to about 1640* (Glenn Hauser, OK)

U S A. I have some hope that Greece via Delano 15485 1800-2200 will be going back to 17 MHz for A-99 as it did last summer, fixing the splatter problem upon Antarctica 15475.8. Now there's an even worse problem from some VOA transmitter with the French service, noted at 1957 past 2000 with music (no news on the hour) originating on 15365 which was somewhat distorted, but splatter first noticed bothering RFPI on 15049! Then found the splatter audible all the way up to 15700 as well; it was // 17640; no other parallels found on 11, 13 or 21 MHz bands (Glenn Hauser, REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING)

U S A. Re-VOA 15365 midday... I meant to send you a message earlier in the week about this, but since you brought it up... this thing (wherever it's from) [Greenville, and I've told them about it and forwarded this message -gh] is one distorted, splattering son-of-a-female-dog! Monday 3/21 around 1930 it was so distorted it sounded like it was FMing... the spurs and garbage it was generating some 500 kHz or more either direction sounded rather like local FM spurs too, which had me worried 'til I traced the audio back to this mess on 15365. What's going on here?? (Randy Stewart, Springfield MO, 3/24, REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING)

U S A [non]. The KVOH transmission on 5975 clashing with BBC in the 0700-0800 hour reported some weeks ago by Ivan Grishin was not from Los Angeles, but relay via DTK Germany for Europe (George McClintock, TN via Hauser)

U S A. This week's WHR fiascos affecting the only show worth hearing on their entire schedule, DXing with Cumbre. Contrary to revised revised DWC sked, I tuned in by 2300 Friday March 19 on WHRA 13760, and sure enough, DWC started promptly then, not at 2305 or 2330 as in skeds. Here's what happened on the next scheduled airing, 0230 UT Sat on KWHR 17510: before 0230 some other program; 0230 DEAD AIR FOR 17 MINUTES! Then WHR T-shirt ad, 0248 start DWC at top, but cut it off at 0300 for USA News. Standard remarx on WHR incompetence (Glenn Hauser, REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING)

U S A. Notes from Al Weiner Worldwide, UT Sat March 20 0100-0202, WBCQ 7415: he calls it the Friday edition, but went on to say he does this only once a week. He wants to give out program schedule but always waits too long until the hour is almost over, callers ramble on, etc. and this time ran it two minutes over to get some of that in. Said the transmitter is a Harris PDM, the only one known to have been converted from MW to SW. A second studio is now being built, with a 16-channel Siemens board which was originally used by ABC-TV for the 1976 Olympics. This studio will have a computer to help store music, IDs, etc., but WBCQ will never be automated. Plan to start wiring in the second transmitter in May. New show is Uncle Ed's Musical Memories, Mon and Wed 4-5 pm ET. New at 7-8 pm M-F is Freedom and Truth (which I heard the tail of before AWW--another anti-New World Order show) and which sells precious metals. At end of month will resume broadcasting at 10 pm when VOA [Botswana] goes back to their 10-degree antenna. There's a New Randi Steele show, but was interrupted before he could give the time (Glenn Hauser, REVIEW OF INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING)